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Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-identified non-provisional patent application:

- ☒ Response to Requirement for Restriction (1 page); and
- ☒ Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone (617) 542-6000.

Although Applicants believe no fees are required with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19471-502.

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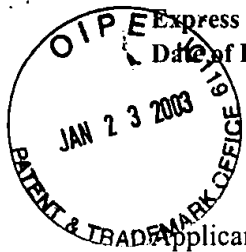
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the December 23, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants provisionally elect **Group I**, Claims 1-80, 128-137 and 174, drawn to a silk-fiber based matrix having a wire-rope geometry that can be seeded with cells for use in producing a predetermined type of ligament or tendon *ex vivo*, and to bioengineered tissue containing the matrix, classified in class 424, subclass 423.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a continuation or divisional application and also respectfully reserve the right to traverse the Examiner's requirement of a restriction/election in a future response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Should there be any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19471-502).

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